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Former CIA Counsel Hired to Aid Probe Of H-Bomb Articles

Anthony Lapham, former general counsel to the Central Intelligence Agency, has been hired as a special consultant to the Justice Department's inquiry into possible criminal violations stemming from publication of articles on the theory of the hydrogen bomb.

Philip B. Heymann, head of the department's criminal division, said yesterday that Lapham was asked to join attorneys examining the case because of his expertise in national security issues. Lapham was the CIA's top lawyer for three years until he resigned in May.

The review was started last month when the department announced it was dropping efforts to stop Progressive magazine from publishing an article about the theory of the H-bomb because the essential secrets already had been exposed in another publication.